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WACs at the Post Office (Martin Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

http://images.indianahistory.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/P0129/id/2425/rec/4

MUSEUM BOOT CAMPS

Spend a day in intensive basic training focused on four branches of museum fundamentals: management; collections; audience; and fundraising. $30; $25 IHS member; $20 Local History Partner. Lunch is included.

Boot Camps will be held in four locations (each Boot Camp will cover the same topics)

March 5 – New Albany: Carnegie Center for Art and History

April 30 – Princeton: Lyles Station

May 21 – Valparaiso: Porter County Museum

June 4 – Columbia City: Whitley County Museum

https://indianahistory.org/across-indiana/local-history-services/workshops-and-webinars/

BOARD ROLES IN FUNDRAISING WEBINAR

Feb. 22 –This webinar will cover some of the board's responsibilities, and explore how education, communication and planning can help everyone get on the same page and move forward with fundraising. LEU credits available.

https://indianahistory.org/across-indiana/local-history-services/workshops-and-webinars/

**HERITAGE SUPPORT GRANTS**

Indianapolis Fire Department Engine Co. #2, 1911 (Bass Photo Co. Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

http://images.indianahistory.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/dc012/id/4125/rec/22

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT

Indianapolis Firefighters Museum

$2,875 – Museum Archive Storage

The Indianapolis Firefighters Museum has many artifacts that needed to be properly stored and protected. A Heritage Support Grant funded the purchase of archival storage materials to preserve these artifacts for years to come.

https://www.facebook.com/IndianapolisFirefightersMuseum/

UPCOMING DEADLINE

The next Heritage Support Grant application deadline is July 10 for Mini Grants of up to $4,999.

https://indianahistory.org/across-indiana/heritage-support-grants/

**WHAT WE'RE READING THIS WEEK**

Living Room Scene (Indiana Historical Society)

http://images.indianahistory.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/p16797coll35/id/2132/rec/224

AUDIENCE & COMMUNITY

Why Some Cultural Organizations Overestimate Success in Welcoming Diverse Visitors

(Know Your Own Bone)

https://www.colleendilen.com/2018/02/14/cultural-organizations-overestimate-success-welcoming-diverse-visitors/

Starting an Equitable and Inclusive Internship Program

(Oakland Museum of California)

http://museumca.org/blog/starting-equitable-and-inclusive-internship-program

Towards a More Human-Centered Museum: Part 1, Rethinking Hierarchies

(Art Museum Teaching)

https://artmuseumteaching.com/2018/01/22/rethinking-hierarchies/

FUNDRAISING

Is This the Reason You Aren’t Raising Major Gifts?

(GuideStar)

https://trust.guidestar.org/is-this-the-reason-you-arent-raising-major-gifts

100-Percent Board Giving

(npENGAGE)

https://npengage.com/nonprofit-management/100-percent-board-giving/

Philanthropy Reshaped: Finding New Ways to Fundraise

(Associations Now)

https://associationsnow.com/2018/02/philanthropy-reshaped-finding-new-ways-fundraise/

Fundraising Fundamentals

(First Day Podcast from The Fund Raising School)

https://soundcloud.com/thefundraisingschool/fundraising-fundamentals

Donors Can’t Stop Believing That Nonprofits Pay Too Much Overhead

(Fast Company)

https://www.fastcompany.com/40528257/donors-cant-stop-believing-that-nonprofits-pay-too-much-overhead

LEADERSHIP & INTERACTION

How Leaders Can Keep Their Cool in a Crisis

(Harvard Business Review)

https://hbr.org/2018/02/how-leaders-can-keep-their-cool-in-a-crisis

Three Ways to Lead a Pack of Complainers

(Leadership Freak)

https://leadershipfreak.blog/2018/02/13/three-ways-to-lead-a-pack-of-complainers/

Five Options for Nonprofit Board Orientation

(GuideStar)

https://trust.guidestar.org/five-options-for-nonprofit-board-orientation

MARKETING & SOCIAL MEDIA  
Social Media Strategy for Nonprofits: A Best Practices Guide

(Mission Box)

https://www.missionbox.com/article/673/social-media-strategy-for-nonprofits-a-best-practices-guide

Keeping Your Nonprofit’s Content On Brand

(GuideStar)

https://trust.guidestar.org/keeping-your-nonprofits-content-on-brand

Five Tips to Improve Nonprofit Emails

(VerticalResponse)

https://www.verticalresponse.com/blog/5-tips-to-improve-nonprofit-emails/

MUSEUMS

Sharing Outcomes from “Don’t Raid the Cookie Jar”

(Alliance Labs)

http://labs.aam-us.org/blog/sharing-outcomes-from-dont-raid-the-cookie-jar-opening-remarks-by-laura-lott/

Every Museum Podcast in One Big List

(Hannah Hethmon)

https://hhethmon.com/2018/02/08/every-museum-podcast-in-one-big-list/

Why Design Is Important To Your Museum

(Museum Hack)

https://museumhack.com/design-important-museum/

PRESERVATION, COLLECTIONS & HISTORY

FOR FUN

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

Ann Fay Brown in Chemistry Class (Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

http://images.indianahistory.org/cdm/ref/collection/p0303/id/1699

ONLINE

Policies and Procedures for Deaccessioning

Feb. 21 – AASLH webinar. This webinar will examine the necessary components of an effective deaccessioning policy. $65; $40 members.

http://learn.aaslh.org/event/policies-and-procedures-for-deaccessioning/

Found In Collections: Pathways for Resolving Undocumented Objects in Museum Collections

Feb. 21 – Wisconsin Historical Society webinar. Learn about “Found in Collections,” or FIC items, as well as practical guidance for working through the step-by-step process of reconciling them. FREE.

https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7522952400740122113

Fraud at the Museum: Protecting Your Organization from a Devastating Event

Feb. 22 – AASLH webinar. Learn about the ways fraud is most often committed and then discovered, as well as policies and procedures that can prevent a devastating financial loss and protect staff and board members. $65; $40 members.

http://learn.aaslh.org/event/webinar-fraud-at-the-museum-protecting-your-organization-from-a-devastating-event/

#AASLH Twitter Chat on Deaccessioning and Fraud Prevention

Feb. 23 – 3 p.m. (Eastern) Follow @AASLH and join in on the conversation to discuss #deaccessioning, #fraudprevention, and other important areas for policy and prevention in cultural heritage institutions.

http://blogs.aaslh.org/welcome-to-nightmareatthemuseum-week/

ONSITE

Focusing on Visitors: Public Programming and Exhibits at History Institutions

March 15 and 16 – Louisville, Ky. This AASLH workshop provides a broad overview of public programming and exhibits with a focus on active learning. $345; $230 members

http://learn.aaslh.org/event/focusing-on-visitors-public-programming-and-exhibits-at-history-institutions-2/

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

Call for Proposals for Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Conference

Proposals due Feb. 21 – Proposals are sought for the conference to be held June 1 and 2 in Cambridge, Md. The theme is Sharing the Stories, History is Ours to Tell. For more information, email Tubman.Conference@gmail.com.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE**

Steamer "J.W. Van Sant II" Towing a Double-Decker Raft of Logs (Indiana Historical Society)

http://images.indianahistory.org/cdm/ref/collection/V0002/id/850

Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants

Apply by March 15 – NEH. These grants aim to help institutions secure long-term support for their core activities and expand efforts to preserve and create access to outstanding humanities materials.

https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/infrastructure-and-capacity-building-challenge-grants

ALHFAM Fellowships

Apply by March 15 – Fellowships to attend the Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums Annual Meeting and Conference June 1 through 5 in Tahlequah, Okla., include full conference registration plus $300 towards travel or lodging expenses.

http://www.alhfam.org/2018-Annual-Conference

Stellar Communities Program

Letters of Intent due April 6 – Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Through annual designation the Stellar Communities Program provides resources for transformative quality of place community improvements.

http://www.in.gov/ocra/stellar.htm

**RESOURCES**

American Red Cross - Indianapolis Chapter, Service Men's Centers Volunteers (Indiana Historical Society)

http://images.indianahistory.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/p16797coll47/id/4/rec/4

The Ryan White Letters Transcription Project

The project was created in cooperation between The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis and the Center for Digital Technology at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. The letters have been scanned into a searchable digital database, and volunteers are sought to help transcribe the collection. The project also includes an online learning platform for youth in grades three through 12 and Units of Study for educators.

https://ryansletters.childrensmuseum.org/

https://ulib.iupui.edu/collections/RyanWhite

Resources on How the New Federal Tax Law Impacts Charitable Nonprofits

The National Council of Nonprofits has assembled this collection of resources on how the new federal tax law affects charitable nonprofits.

https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/how-tax-cuts-jobs-act-impacts-nonprofits

Monopolicy: The Collections Management Policy Game

This game from is free to download on Museum Study and can be used to foster discussions of collection management policies in your institution.

http://www.museumstudy.com/courses/course-list/monopolicy/

**IN THE NEWS**

**EVENTS AROUND THE STATE**

Group Riding in a Car (Indiana Historical Society)

http://images.indianahistory.org/cdm/ref/collection/oran/id/7

Learning Lincoln’s Legacy

Feb. 17 – Fort Wayne: Allen County Public Library, 9 a.m. Youth ages 9 to 14 are invited to celebrate Lincoln’s 209th birthday with activities including a behind-the-scenes look into the vault where the Lincoln collection is kept, historical scavenger hunt, video and a hands-on recreation of a 19th-century photograph. Free.

https://www.lincolncollection.org/access/workshops-events/

African American Pioneers of Fort Wayne

Feb. 24 – Fort Wayne: Main Library, 10 a.m. Join ARCH to learn about the history of African American pioneers, and their importance to the community. Free.

https://archfw.org/event/african-american-pioneers-of-fort-wayne/

The Poor Handmaids – 150 Years in Indiana

March 9 – Plymouth: Marshall County Museum, noon. Bring your lunch and hear from Sister Mary Jo Shingler at this lunch and learn program. Free.

http://mchistoricalsociety.org/

Canal Society of Indiana Spring Tour

April 13 and 14 – Experience the path of the Canal from Allen County, through Whitley and across Huntington counties while traveling over the Hoosier Heartland Corridor which is the modern-day legacy of the Wabash Erie Canal route. $95; $85 members.

http://indcanal.org/canalander/

**EXHIBITS**

Replica of the U.S.S. Kearsarge on Display in Front of the Indiana State Capitol Building in 1893 (Bass Photo Co. Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

http://images.indianahistory.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/dc012/id/14737/rec/1

Intriguing Artifacts: Docents Favorites From the Collection

Through March 4 – Evansville: Evansville Museum. See art, historical artifacts and scientific specimens in the permanent collection selected by the 30-plus current and retired members of the Docent Association.

https://evansvillemuseum.org/exhibitions/current/

5 Villes and a Burg

Through May 5 – Bloomington: Monroe County History Center. This exhibit tells the stories of how six communities outside Bloomington helped build the county into what it is today.

http://monroehistory.org/rechter-gallery/

Indiana Historical Society Traveling Exhibits Around the State

Indiana organizations can borrow professional-quality traveling exhibitions on a variety of topics from the Indiana Historical Society. See exhibits at these locations:

Who is a Hoosier

Through March 22 – Mishawaka: Hannah Lindahl Children’s Museum

The Great War: From Ration Lines to the Front Lines

Through March 22 – Goshen: Goshen Public Library

From Pencils to Pixels: Hoosier Cartoons and Comics

Through March 12 – Shelbyville: Grover Museum

Steamboat A Comin': The Legacy of the New Orleans

Through March 12 – New Castle: New Castle-Henry County Public Library

https://indianahistory.org/across-indiana/local-history-services/travelling-exhibits/

http://hlcm.org/

http://goshenpl.lib.in.us/

http://grovermuseum.org/

http://www.nchcpl.org/

**IHS NEWS**

Volunteer for National History Day in Indiana

Contest judges are critical to the success of National History Day in Indiana. Not only do judges choose the winners that advance to the next level of competition, but on contest days they become mentors to History Day students by providing valuable feedback for each project. Sign up to judge at a competition near you!

https://indianahistory.org/education/educator-resources/history-day/volunteer-for-national-history-day/

Indy’s Premier Bourbon Celebration

Feb. 23 –

Join us for an extraordinary night of bourbon tasting and learn more about the fine art and nuances of distilling. $125; $100 members.

https://indianahistory.org/events/indys-premier-bourbon-celebration/

Genealogy 201: Exploring Your African-American Family History

Feb. 24 –

Nichelle Hayes will help you on your journey to discover your African-American roots. Find out ways to go beyond the 1870 census to research enslaved families. $20; $15 members.

https://indianahistory.org/events/genealogy-201-exploring-your-african-american-family-history/

**EMPLOYMENT**

LOCAL

Executive Director

Crawfordsville –

Montgomery County Historical Society. This is a part-time position.

http://www.lane-mchs.org/page17

Public Programs, Assistant Curator of Education

Notre Dame –

Snite Museum of Art, University of Notre Dame.

https://jobs.nd.edu/postings/11505

NATIONAL

Historic Preservation Specialist

Pierre, S.D. –

South Dakota State Historical Society.

http://ncph.org/job/historic-preservation-specialist-2/

Director of Collections & Exhibitions

Baltimore, Md. –

Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture.

https://jobs.aaslh.org/job/director-of-collections-exhibitions/39357162/

Program Manager

Tarrytown, N.Y. –

Kykuit and Union Church, Historic Hudson Valley.

https://jobs.aaslh.org/job/program-manager-kykuit-and-union-church/39406573/

Digitization Coordinator

Merced, Calif. –

University of California, Merced.

https://jobs.ucmerced.edu/n/staff/position.jsf?positionId=7959

INTERNSHIPS

Paid Historic Sites Internship

Decatur, Ill. –

Homestead Prairie Farm.

http://maconcountyconservation.org/internship-opportunities/

Paid Annual Meeting Summer Intern

Nashville, Tenn. –

American Association for State and Local History.

https://jobs.aaslh.org/job/annual-meeting-summer-intern/39336863/

**HELP**

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